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MEMORANDUM FOR NRO STAFF (Lt Col Hofmann, SS-5)

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Effective 5 January 1971 the responsibility for Program C was reassigned by the Chief of Naval Operations to the Naval Material Command from the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence) [redacted] the organization is analogous to Program A (SAFSP), located at the Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO) in Los Angeles.

[redacted] continue to be responsive to the Director, NRO, for the development and operation of the [redacted] In addition, the Director, Program C, [redacted] ty to assess NRO space systems and technology for use in surface ocean surveillance, subsurface ocean surveillance, and other problem areas faced by the Navy.

An agreement signed by Admiral Zumwalt, CNO; Dr. Frosch, OASN (R&D); and Dr. McLucas, DNRO, on 2 April 1971, stated that existing assets which would include space systems, technology, facilities, and expertise would be used wherever possible to meet desired goals with a minimum of redundancy. The use of [redacted] or ocean surveillance, in addition [redacted] no-Soviet Bloc, is an obvious first step.

Studies are now being pursued by Program C to determine the best existing systems or variations thereof to support the ocean surveillance mission for both the

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national community and the Navy. Other existing and future NRO assets will also be studied for interface and/or joint participation. Ultimate utilization will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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